



State of Tennessee

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 84

By Representative Hawk

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the partners and staff of Blackburn, Childers, and Steagall, PLC, on the occasion of the firm's 50th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly recognize and pay homage to those venerable historical Tennessee institutions that have reached a milestone in their illustrious history; and

WHEREAS, Blackburn, Childers, and Steagall, PLC, is one such revered firm that has attained its 50th year of operation, always maintaining its core values of integrity, dedication to excellence, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the inception of this noteworthy firm dates back to 1961, when Joe Blackburn, already a practicing Certified Public Accountant and Carl Childers, a former Internal Revenue Service agent, came together as individual practitioners in a small building shared with a machine shop near East Tennessee State University (ETSU); and

WHEREAS, Charles Steagall joined the winning team in 1966 while attending graduate school at ETSU, and after becoming a partner in 1970, the firm officially became Blackburn, Childers, and Steagall (BCS), earning the respect and admiration of their colleagues, clients, and the community at large for their consummate professionalism and strong work ethic; and

WHEREAS, other notable partners serving the community with acumen and alacrity include Jeff Blackburn, Karen McMurray, Tommy Greer, Melissa Steagall-Jones, Wade Farmer, Travis McMurray, Chuck Huffman, Chad Kisner, and Kevin Peters; and

WHEREAS, the firm's storied history is marked by several momentous events, including the establishing of offices in Greeneville in 2001 and Kingsport in 2002; acquiring CPA Associates in 2004; transitioning to a paperless operation in 2004 for "Year of Fear"; merging with Hoover Harrison and Associates-Kingsport in 2007; and becoming a full service investment planning/brokerage company, BCS Wealth Management, in 2010; and

WHEREAS, as dedicated to their beloved community as they are to their successful financial institution, BCS graciously lends its time and talents to many noble and worthwhile causes; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate the firm's 50th Anniversary, Blackburn, Childers, and Steagall, PLC, decided to give back each week in the communities that have contributed to the firm's success, and "50 years of service/50 weeks of giving" commenced on December 2, 2010, at a Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner held at the Meadowview in Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, the firm's charitable activities during its "50 years of service/50 weeks of giving" have included a coat drive with 253 coats collected to benefit the homeless children and families in Johnson City and Kingsport; a blankets/linens drive that collected 182 blankets, sets of linens, comforters, and sleeping bags for the Seventh Day Adventist Center in Greeneville; a food drive benefitting the Good Samaritan Ministries and the Indian Springs Community Chest in Sullivan County; support for the United Way of Greene County; an ETSU Endowment; donations to the Children's Advocacy Center of Sullivan County and the Child Advocacy Center of the 3rd Judicial District; "The Chasing Snakes" 10k Road Race and 4k Walk; and Hands On! Regional Museum's annual "Tea & Totes Fundraiser" to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Blackburn, Childers, and Steagall, PLC, with its amazing business record and central involvement in the community, has become one of the most reputable and recognizable institutions in the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, the partners and employees of BCS have always epitomized the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of true Tennesseans, and their dedication to serving each

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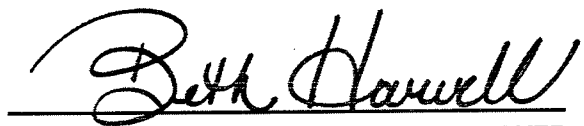
client with the utmost honor and professionalism is a credit to their community and this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate the partners and staff of Blackburn, Childers, and Steagall, PLC, on the occasion of the firm's 50th Anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: APRIL 7, 2011

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Beth Harwell", written over a horizontal line.

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES